

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Approved: 4/8/86



J. Burton Angelle

BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 4, 1986

JACK CAPPEL
CHAIRMAN

Natchitoches, Louisiana

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

April 4, 1986

Chairman Jack Cappel presiding:

Members Present:

Mr. Lyle Crain
Mr. Mark Roberts
Mr. Dale Vinet

Mr. J. Burton Angelle was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1986 were approved unanimously with a motion from Mr. Crain and a second from Mr. Vinet.

Johnnie Tarver presented two resolutions changing rules and regulations on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, State Wildlife Refuge, Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area and Salvador Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Vinet made a motion to accept the resolutions, seconded by Mr. Crain and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolutions
here are made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries received the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge under a conditional Deed of Donation in 1920; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Donation has been revised by a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of the Interior and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries effective the 18th day of April, 1983; and

WHEREAS, provisions of the original Deed of Donation and the Memorandum of Agreement permit recreational use of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been permitting sport fishing and other recreational use of the area for over 25 years without interference with the wildlife management programs on the area; and

WHEREAS, numerous regulations have been adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to control public use of the wildlife refuge area; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations to govern the use of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge for sport fishing and other recreational uses.

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2. Use of the Refuge will be allowed from one-half (1/2) hour before official sunrise until official sunset. This includes access routes through the Refuge.
3. Overnight camping is prohibited.
4. Hunting, molesting or intentional disturbing of wildlife is prohibited.
5. Trawling on the Refuge is prohibited. Trotlines, jug lines, trammel and gill nets and traps are prohibited. All commercial fishing is prohibited. Twenty-five pounds of shrimp (heads on) per boat per day is allowed during the inside open shrimp season as established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. Ten (10) pounds of shrimp (heads on) for bait purposes may be caught during the closed season. Shrimp can be harvested only by cast net or dip net on the Refuge and only for sport fishing or home consumption use.
6. Crawfish may be harvested from the open portion of the Refuge and one-hundred (100) pounds per boat or vehicle is allowed per day. Set nets may be used but must be attended and removed from the Refuge daily. No commercial harvest allowed.
7. Oysters may be harvested from the natural reefs. One (1) gallon per boat per day is allowed and oysters must be opened at the reef and the shells returned to the reef.

8. The burning of the marshes is prohibited. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
9. Bringing firearms, bows and arrows, liquor and controlled substance narcotics onto the Refuge is prohibited. All boats and vehicles are subject to search by all authorized employees of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at anytime.
10. Boat travel on the Refuge will be maintained at a minimum and boats shall be operated so as to create a minimum of wave wash. Speed boat racing and water skiing is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures is prohibited.
11. No littering is allowed. Visitors must remove their litter or place in appropriate litter disposal sites.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary is hereby authorized to publicize this change in regulations through the news media.

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WHEREAS, these areas produce annual crops of marine fishes and organisms, and

WHEREAS, sportfishing is permitted on the areas for recreational purposes, and

WHEREAS, a controlled harvest of marine organisms such as shrimp, oysters, crabs, crayfish and fin-fish are permitted, and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby adopt the following regulations for the sport taking of shrimp, oysters, fish, crabs and crayfish on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, State Wildlife Refuge, Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area and Salvador Wildlife Management Area.

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action is of an emergency nature in order to harvest the resources before they migrate off the areas and that the Secretary is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

Bennie Fontenot presented a Notice of Intent concerning the netting ban in Cross Lake. Mr. Crain made a motion to accept the notice, seconded by Mr. Vinet and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent here is made a part of the record)

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby expresses intent to prohibit the use of fish nets (gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, fish seines), and slat traps in Cross Lake, Shreveport, Louisiana, as consistent with Ordinance 232 of 1981 by the City of Shreveport. Such action by the Commission has been requested by the City of Shreveport who owns and manages Cross Lake which serves as the city's water reservoir.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule until 4:30 PM, April 29, 1986 at the following address: J. Burton Angelle, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 15570, Baton Rouge, LA 70895.

Harry Schafer presented a resolution to give the Secretary authority to open a special white shrimp season in April 1986. Mr. Vinet made a motion to accept this resolution, seconded by Mr. Roberts and passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has in past years set special white shrimp seasons to harvest large over-wintering white shrimp in certain areas of coastal Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, these seasons have allowed Louisiana shrimp fishermen to harvest large valuable white shrimp which would have otherwise moved out of state waters and become inaccessible to Louisiana fishermen, and

WHEREAS, a five day special white shrimp season in Calcasieu Lake in 1983 netted fishermen 168,000 pounds of 26/50 count (whole shrimp per pound) with a dockside value of about \$500,000, and

WHEREAS, biological data collected during past years indicates these special seasons have not hurt existing brown shrimp populations, and

WHEREAS, biological sampling during 1986 indicates there may be a need to set a special white shrimp season prior to the Commission's Annual Shrimp Meeting on May 1 and 2, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under the authority granted to it by the Louisiana Legislature in R.S. 56:497A and R.S. 49:953B does hereby authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to set a special white shrimp season sometime during April 1986 if the technical data indicate the need for such a season, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a minimum of 72 hours notice be given prior to the opening of such a season.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning nuisance animal permits at Thursday's meeting. Hugh Bateman will take this up again at next month's meeting.

On Thursday, Harry Schafer gave the Survey Report. During the period of March 1-28, 1986 135 surveys were scheduled, 71 were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$14,123.91, survey fees collected was \$71,113.25, 230 applications were filed and 83 new leases were issued.

Ray Montet gave the enforcement report also at Thursday's meeting. This report was for the month of February, 1986.

On April 17th there will be a meeting of the Game Division staff to discuss the hunting seasons for the upcoming year. On Friday, April 25th there will be a meeting with the Commission members at Grand Terre to finalize these dates and they will be set at the May 2 meeting of the Commission.

The August meeting was set for Thursday and Friday, the 14th and 15th in Baton Rouge.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Cappel.

*Approved
JTC*

RESOLUTION

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Dr. Jack T. Cappell Jr.
Chairman

WJH

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AT
IT'S REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NATCHITOCHES, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1986.

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This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the excerpt of the minutes of the meeting of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission held in Natchitoches, Louisiana on Friday, April 4, 1986.

J. Burton Angelle, Secretary
La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

*Approved
John [unclear]*

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
DISTRICT VIII
400 ROYAL ST.
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES

SURVEY SECTION
03 - 43
ACTIVITY REPORT

MARCH 1, 1986 THRU MARCH 28, 1986

During this period field activity consisted of:

- 135 - Surveys that were scheduled.
- 71 - Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.

Surveys that were completed consisted of:

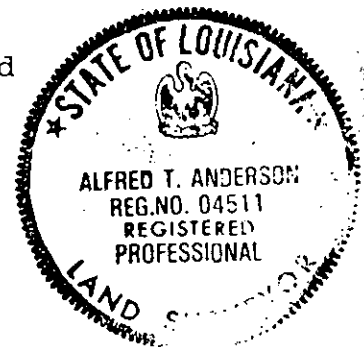
- 34 - Leases that were tied into the monument control system.
- 4 - Applications for new area.
- 3 - Restake applications.
- 19 - 15 year limitations.

Total field activity:

<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	
323	379	316	- Surveys scheduled
156	180	165	- Surveys performed
149	190	146	- Surveys unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor
0	1	0	- Survey where fisherman refused to survey
0	0	0	- Disputes settled
18	8	4	- No shows
0	0	1	- Application cancelled by request

Office activity during this period:

\$14,123.91	- Lease rental collected
\$71,113.25	- Survey fees collected
230	- Applications filed
83	- New leases issued





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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70895
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March 27, 1986

EDWIN W. EDWARDS
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Mr. M. Lyle Crain
P.O. Box 118
Grand Chenier, LA. 70643

Dear Mr. Crain,

Please review the enclosed information prior to the next Commission Meeting. The temptation to commercialize the present 100 pound limit is apparently too great especially when price per pound increases. Lowering the amount allowable will discourage that practice, since the profit motive is greatly reduced or lacking entirely. Twenty-five pounds is suggested for discussion purposes.

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Johnnie W. Tarver
Chief
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1007 E. Main
Delcambre, LA. 70528

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Mr. Mark Roberts
939 Delaware
Shreveport, LA. 71106

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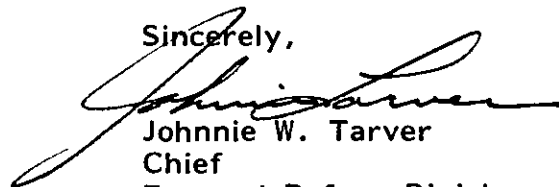
Dr. Donald Heins
P.O. Box 130
Bunkie, LA. 71322

Dear Dr. Heins,

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Mr. Joe Palmisano, Jr.
P.O. Box 67
Chauvin, LA. 70344

Dear Mr. Palmisano,

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261 Fourth Street
Alexandria, LA. 71301

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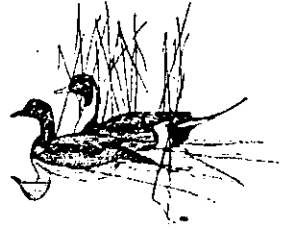
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ROCKEFELLER WILDLIFE REFUGE
ROUTE 1, BOX 20-B
GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA 70643

March 26, 1986



Mr. Johnnie Tarver, Chief
Fur and Refuge Division
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 15570
Baton Rouge, LA 70895

Dear Johnnie:

This is in regards to my letter of February 17, 1986 concerning sport shrimping on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. We are urgently in need of some assistance from the commissioners before the spring shrimp season begins on this area and on our other state refuges. Therefore, if possible could you inquire as to the placing of this item of business on the agenda for discussion and possible action at the next Board Meeting?

In order to familiarize you with the chronological development of regulations by which sports are permitted to enjoy Rockefeller's natural resources, I have attached the following:

1. Correspondence of October 28, 1976 and November 8, 1976 which was an example of numerous enquires as to regulations on State Refuges and Wildlife Management Areas.
2. Resolution adopted by our Department at its regular meeting, September 27, 1977. The document pertained to Rockefeller, State Wildlife, Marsh Island, Pointe au Chien and Salvador. It established a 100 pounds per boat limit on shrimp during open season; 10 pounds per boat (for bait) during closed season.
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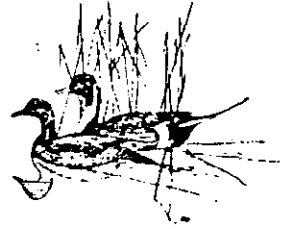

W. Guthrie Perry, Biologist
Fur and Refuge Division

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Enclosure

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ROCKEFELLER WILDLIFE REFUGE
ROUTE 1, BOX 20-B
GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA 70643

March 26, 1986



Mr. Johnnie Tarver, Chief
Fur and Refuge Division
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
P. O. Box 15570
Baton Rouge, LA 70895

Dear Johnnie:

This is in regards to my letter of February 17, 1986 concerning sport shrimping on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. We are urgently in need of some assistance from the commissioners before the spring shrimp season begins on this area and on our other state refuges. Therefore, if possible could you inquire as to the placing of this item of business on the agenda for discussion and possible action at the next Board Meeting?

In order to familiarize you with the chronological development of regulations by which sports are permitted to enjoy Rockefeller's natural resources, I have attached the following:

1. Correspondence of October 28, 1976 and November 8, 1976 which was an example of numerous enquires as to regulations on State Refuges and Wildlife Management Areas.
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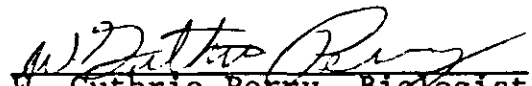
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NATCHITOCHES, FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1986

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3. Fish may be taken by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action is of an emergency nature in order to harvest the resources before they migrate off of the areas and that the Secretary is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

This is to certify that the above and foregoing is a true excerpt of the minutes of the meeting of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries held in New Orleans, ~~Louisiana on Tuesday, September 27, 1977~~ Natchitoches, Louisiana on Friday, April 4, 1986.

J. Burton Angelle, Secretary
La. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

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La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES BUILDING
400 ROYAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130

Attachment 1

REFUGE DIVISION

November 8, 1976

Mr. William L. Smith
P. O. Box 303
Milton, La. 70558

Dear Mr. Smith:

Reference is made to your letter requesting various information regarding our Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

Public fishing and sight seeing is permitted on the area in accordance with the Deed of Donation under which the State of Louisiana receive this area from the Rockefeller Foundation. Various regulations have been passed by the Commission to manage the public use of the area so that we will not violate conditions of the Deed of Donation. Sport fishing is permitted on the Refuge during daylight hours on a year round basis. You can take fish, crabs and shrimp in accordance with state laws governing these species. The only restriction that would be of consideration would be that 100 lbs. of shrimp are permitted per boat for sport fishermen. Since the area is closed to use of trawls, it is legal only to catch these shrimp by use of cast nets. Taking of oysters from Rockefeller Refuge is prohibited. We do not object to people eating oysters at the reefs but removal of oysters from the area (live or shucked) is prohibited.

Hope this answers your questions regarding use of our refuge.

Sincerely yours,

Allan B. Ensminger
Allan B. Ensminger,
Chief, Refuge Division

ABE/jdh

cc- *James Nunez*

Refuge

Sir-

I am requesting information concerning the rules and regulations of Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. I would also like information concerning the use of a cast net.

I have talked with local Game Warden and to employees at the Refuge and get many different answers. I would specifically like information concerning the taking of Fish, Crabs, Shrimp and oysters for my own family use.

I am a sports fisherman and enjoy fishing in Rockefeller because of the great variety of fish that can be caught there.

Here are three questions I have ask and the answers I have received.

1. Can I take Fish + Crabs from the Refuge?
(A) Yes, all you want (Refuge personnel)
(B) Yes, (Game Warden)
2. Can I take oysters from the Refuge?
(A) no - (Rockefeller personnel)
(B) no - But you can not saw oysters at the oyster bed (Game Warden)
(C) yes - But only take a gallon of clean oysters for your own use (Game Warden)
3. Can I take Shrimp from the Refuge?
(A) Yes - But only what you have left over from bait (Refuge personnel)

- (B) Yes - 25 or 30 lbs for your own use
(Refuge personnel)
- (C) Yes - But not more than one ice chest
full per boat (Game warden)
- (D) Well we don't mind you taking a
few shrimp for your own use
provided you don't sell them
(Refuge personnel + Game warden)

I have observed people taking shrimp, oysters
and crabs out of the refuge but have
also heard of stiff penalties for those
who abuse the refuge. I do not sell
anything that I catch and do not want
to abuse the refuge. However, I do enjoy
good seafood and like to catch my own.

I wish greatly appreciate your reply
and thank you in advance for any
information you can furnish me.

William L Smith, USAF, Lt.
P.O. Box 303
Milton La

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LA. WILDLIFE & FISH. COMM.
INFORMATION SECTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE LA. DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1977

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

Wildlife and Fisheries Bldg.
400 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130



Bob Dennie
Information Officer
(504) 566-5855

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Release Date: _____

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J. Burton Angelle, secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, said the regulations are as follows:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. Each boat is allowed 100 pounds during open shrimp season in inside waters. Size count must conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season 10 pounds per boat may be taken for bait.

Oysters may be taken from natural reefs and opened at the site. A maximum of one gallon per boat is permitted and all shells must be thrown back onto the reef. Removal of unshucked oysters is prohibited.

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"This controlled harvest can be permitted without jeopardizing resources or violating regulations by which the State obtained title to the areas," Angelle said.

EDITOR: Approximately 70 Percent Of Your Readers Hunt Or Fish. This Message Will Interest Them.

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE



Jesse J. Guidry
Secretary

Contact:
McFadden Du
(504) 922-024

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ROCKEFELLER REFUGE REGULATION CHANGES APPROVED

Sportsmen utilizing the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in southern Cameron and Vermilion parishes are no longer required to obtain an official permit before entering the area, according to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Jesse J. Guidry, department secretary, said this change is included in new amended regulations governing public use of the refuge that were given final approval by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular public monthly meeting September 27 in Baton Rouge.

He said the amended regulations are designed to increase the recreational use of the huge state-owned facility by bayou state sportsmen.

Another major change in the new regulations is an increase in the hours the refuge is open to the public. Sportsmen are now allowed on the area from one-half hour before official sunrise until official sunset.

Recreational uses of the refuge include nature study, sport fishing, shrimping, crawfishing and oyster harvesting. Shrimp and crawfish are limited to 100 pounds per boat per day, while the sport oyster fishermen may take one gallon per boat per day. The oysters must be shucked on the spot and the shells returned to the water immediately.

Hunting, trawling, commercial fishing, molesting or intentionally disturbing wildlife and starting fires on the refuge are strictly prohibited.

Guidry stressed that the refuge is a valuable wildlife research facility and that public access to parts of the refuge is still restricted during those times that such access would interfere with research activities. He cautioned that all regulations governing use of the refuge will be strictly enforced and that sportsmen are responsible for familiarizing themselves with these regulations.

Detailed refuge regulations can be obtained by writing to: Refuge Manager, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Route 1 Box 20-B, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.



J. BURTON ANGELLE SR
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
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EDWIN W. EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

November 27, 1984

Mr. George N. Gray *+ all commission members*
P.O. Box 6607
Shreveport, LA 71106

Dear Mr. Gray,

As an annual reminder to outdoor enthusiasts utilizing Rockefeller Refuge, a news release is distributed prior to partial closure for research purposes. While reviewing, the rules governing public activity on the area needed minor modification. The minor adjustments will result in improved management of both wildlife/fisheries resources and the participating public.

The suggested changes in the rules are attached for your review (underlined words are added; strike-out words are eliminated). If there are any questions regarding these recommended changes, please call.

Sincerely yours,

Johnnie W. Tarver
Chief, Fur & Refuge Division

JWT/plh
CC: J. Burton Angelle
Joe L. Herring
Ted Joanen ✓
Robert Mhire

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Submitted
P.H.T.
12/5/84
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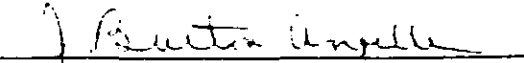
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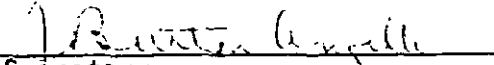
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NEWS RELEASE

J. Burton Angelle, Sr.
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ROCKEFELLER REFUGE READY FOR WINTER VISITORS

Except for certain restricted areas, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge will remain open to visitors and sport fishermen throughout the winter, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries announced today.

The public will be excluded from some areas of the vast Gulf Coast facility from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 to provide a sanctuary for wintering waterfowl and to facilitate scientific research, said J. Burton Angelle Sr., department secretary.

Those areas will be clearly marked. Elsewhere on the state-owned refuge, Angelle said, fishing and oystering will be allowed for home consumption, and tourists and nature-study groups will find plenty to interest them.

Visitors are allowed on the refuge from one-half hour before official sunrise until official sunset. Year-round access is afforded to Humble Canal, Joseph Harbor Bayou, Headquarters Canal, East End Road and Locks, Union Producing Canal, Deep Lake, East End Boundary Canal and Rollover Bayou.

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In addition, sportsmen are permitted to enter from the Gulf side via East Constance Bayou, East Little Constance Bayou, Big Constance Bayou and Little Constance Bayou. Access through those bayous is permitted only as far inland as existing water-control structures.

Recreational uses of Rockefeller Refuge include nature study as well as in-season sport fishing, shrimping, crawfishing and oyster harvesting. Shrimp and crawfish catches are limited to 100 pounds per boat per day, while sport oyster fishermen may take one gallon per boat per day. Oysters must be shucked on the spot and the shells returned to the water immediately.

Hunting, trawling, commercial fishing, molesting or intentionally disturbing wildlife, starting fires, and trespassing in restricted areas are expressly prohibited.

Stressing that the refuge is a treasure trove of wildlife and research, Secretary Angelle cautioned that all regulations governing its use will be strictly enforced and that sportsmen are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the rules.

Detailed refuge regulations may be obtained by writing Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 20-B, Grand Chenier, LA 70643.